(6) what action was taken by the Registrar regarding the absentee members ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Special meetings 2 (held on 19th Vrischigam 1108 and 30th Dhanu 1108), Ordinary meetings 13 (held on 27th Kanni 1108, 7th Thulam 1108, 21st Thulam 1108, 28th Thulam 1108, 11th Dhanu 1108, 16th Makaram 1108, 4th Kumbham 1108, 8th Kumbham 1108, 20th Kumbham 1108, 27th Meenam 1108, 8th Edavam 1108, 11th Mithunam 1108 and 8th Karkadagam 1108.)

(2) Yes.

(3) Mr. Pudusseri Kunjicheria Joseph—7 meetings.

(4) Yes.

(5) A copy of the resolution is appended. (*Appendix II*).

(6) The President was asked to persuade the members to attend meetings regularly since they absented themselves after adducing sufficient reason for the same.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(6) How did the Registrar know that the member absented himself with reasonable cause during all these 7 meetings?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There was a communication from the President to the effect that the member was undergoing prolonged medical treatment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—For how many months?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—He was undergoing *Pizhichal* and *Dhara* for three or four months and preliminary to that treatment he was suffering from sickness.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then how did this resolution about him come in?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Panchayat had to bring the fact to my notice in the absence of the member and for that purpose a resolution was passed and communicated to me.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the member absent himself throughout the year?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No, not throughout the year. He was absent for 7 out of the 13 meetings of the year.

189. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) the name of the President of the Vellarapilli Panchayat;

(2) is it the practice of the President to pass Panchayat accounts in consultation with the members;

(3) has the Registrar of Panchayats received complaints from some members regarding the unsatisfactory way in which accounts are passed;

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(4) if so, what are the complaints and what action was taken by the Registrar?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Mr. Parakkal Kochu Poulo Yohannan.

(2) Yes.

(3) No.

(4) In view of answer to (3), no answer is necessary.

Nadupanthy—Kunnamkulam.

190. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer has received a petition in the month of Chingam 1109 from the people of Kunnamkulam addressed to him and the Director of Public Health about widening the Nadupanthy in Kunnamkulam Town;

(b) whether it is not mentioned in the letter No. L. Dis. 17143/08, dated 23rd June 1933 sent by the Secretary to the Diwan that a part of the expenditure required for widening the Nadupanthy will be provided in the budget for 1109;

(c) whether Rs. 5,000 is not provided for the purpose in the budget referred to;

(d) what portion of the work will be carried out this year with the amount provided;

(e) what is the estimated amount for completing the remaining portion of the work in the next year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) and (e) These sub-divisions can be answered only after receiving the Chief Engineer's report on the proposals submitted by the Director of Public Health. The Chief Engineer's report is expected shortly.

Articles sold—Central Farm.

191. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing—

(a) the prices at which the articles noted below were offered for sale at Government Central Farm, Ollukkara, in Chingam 1108;

(1) paddy (ordinary varieties), (2) Chama, (3) Ragi, (4) Gingelly, (5) Horse-gram;

(b) the Trichur market prices of the same articles during the same period?

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